GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Ground Water Department of Kerala has sought central assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether even after furnishing utilisation certificates for the year 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2005-06 and the year 2004-05 and 2006-07, the Union Government has not released its share of 50% for these projects;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor including the total amount due to be released for these years; and

(e) the time by which these amounts are likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a) to (e): Rural drinking water is a State subject. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States through the erstwhile Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), restructured from 01.04.2009 and renamed as National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) of the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, Department of Drinking Water Supply. Each State, including Kerala, is allocated funds at the beginning of each financial year from the budgetary provision made for NRDWP. Funds are then released to each State in two instalments during the year. The first instalment is released unconditionally, unless the State has not taken its 2nd instalment for the previous year. At the time of release of second instalment, the funds are released after fulfilling certain conditions such as required utilization of available funds, provision of matching share of funds by the State, and deducting the balance carried over from previous years, expenditure disallowed by the respective audit, etc. The funds so deducted for the respective year lapse in the same year. However, Kerala has been released its due allocation, based on the utilization certificates of 2002-03 to 2006-07, in the succeeding years, as follows:

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Allocation (Rupees in crore)	36.45	39.46	61.71	62.16	82.93
Release (Rupees in crore)	42.69	44.01	61.71	62.16	84.25

Therefore the question of any non-release does not arise.